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Flowers laid in memory of crash victim Sheldon Thomas

Convoy mourns for 'fallen soldier'

THOMAS here passed on in circumstances for a 34-year-old man from Oxfordshire who died after his car left Park Road and collided with a tree on Monday morning.

The man, now identified as Sheldon Thomas, 34, was driving a black Volkswagen Golf at around 10pm when the collision occurred. He was taken to the

by **Leighan Campbell**

the Thomas family to Sheldon, who was driving a black Volkswagen Golf at around 10pm when the collision occurred. He was taken to the

to be laid to rest in the morning. The remains of the car were taken to the police station in Bicester. "Sheldon was a very good person," said a friend of his.

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and I know it made many people happy that we had a chance to see him. It was a very sad day for Sheldon, but it was a day that we will never forget.

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Sheldon Thomas, 34



Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital

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Maggie Smith opens Shakespeare's Dead



CELEBRATED British actress Maggie Smith opens the Bodleian Library's William Shakespeare's Dead exhibition, which runs until Thursday.

The 80-year-old actress (shown visiting the Weston Library on Broad Street to open Shakespeare's Dead, described by a president of the library as death wish) says on the sixth anniversary of her death, she is sorry to be in Oxford with her family and her son and son-in-law.

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Dad describes police knock after death of 'wonderful' daughter

THE death of Oxford teenager Kelly Powell, 19, last night after being hit by a car on the A1 near Cowley, has been described by her father as "a terrible tragedy".



Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Oxford

on October last year.

An inquest at Oxfordshire

Crown Court last Thursday

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Choc research

Oxford Teams at Oxford Brookes University will be carrying out structural research projects this month to find the health benefits of dark chocolate for sufferers of multiple sclerosis (MS).

The first will see 40 patients given hot chocolate for six weeks before being asked to complete questionnaires about their tongue levels and carry out a ten-minute walk test.

One study comparing 70 to 80 per cent cocoa solids has been shown to help people suffering in chronic fatigue syndrome and it has even been shown to help people with MS because of the flavonoid effects on blood vessel walls.

The study involves 100 people in the UK. The study involves 100 people in the UK. The study involves 100 people in the UK.

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Didcot demolition contractor fired

By **Loughlan Campbell**

ONE COMPANY responsible for the demolition of Didcot A Power Station has been dropped following the discovery of asbestos in February with the demolition of these areas yet to be completed.



Emergency services survey the site at Didcot A Power Station

Managing director Mark Coleman expressed his disappointment in a statement saying: "We have now reached a stage where we will be handing over the remaining recovery operations to another contractor within the next few weeks."

"This is a serious tragedy," Coleman said, "and we are all working hard to ensure that the demolition of these areas is completed as soon as possible."

The statement from Mr Coleman continued: "We will ensure an independent contractor for the entire site and over the coming weeks we will plan an active role in supporting the recovery by working with the relevant authorities to ensure that the demolition of these areas is completed as soon as possible."

Woman in life-threatening condition after Wheatley crash

A 21 YEAR OLD woman is in a critical condition after a serious road accident following a crash in Wheatley on Tuesday.

The woman, who is in a critical condition, was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford with serious injuries.

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Record crowds ring in May Morning

LATE night revellers and early morning runners joined to create record-breaking crowds of 20,000 celebrating May Morning traditions in Oxford on Sunday.

The city's traditional pageants for the evening of May Eve and the morning of May Day in the city centre.

The crowd spanning from Long Wall Street to the Place Farnham Green in Oxford as a celebration of May Day. The city's Mayor, Councillor John Burt, said: "It was a fantastic day for the city and the people who live here. It was a great day for the city and the people who live here. It was a great day for the city and the people who live here."

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In memory of Martha; couple marks birthday



As Cary Elton, Ruby Morton and Ruby Morton

A COUPLE will be marking the memory of their five-year-old daughter who last year died in a car crash.

Elton, 38, and Ruby Morton, 38, from Slough near Maidenhead, are taking 22 miles to mark the birthday of their daughter, Martha, who died in a car crash on May 23 last year.

Martha died after being dragged at a speed of 100mph from a car on the M4 near Slough.

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By Alex Ballinger

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Pensioner pushed in charity car

A WOULD BE buyer left an elderly woman very shaken after pushing her over in a car to a charity car in Oxford.

A man claiming he had been a charity supporter for 20 years turned up at the 34-year-old woman's home in Woodstock Road, Oxford, and asked her to let him see her car for the charity.

He was very polite and friendly, previously over the phone and asked her to let him see her car for the charity, she said.

The man asked to use the bathroom, but the woman told him to go to a bedroom and close the door.

He pushed her over before she managed to get to her room.

Detective Constable Matthew Napper and the car was not damaged and the woman was not injured.

He added: "The victim was understandably very shaken by this incident and she should feel better and secure in her home and safe here."

The offender is described as white, about 50 to 55 years old, with short grey hair, blue eyes and wearing a blue shirt. He was wearing a short, purple, long-sleeved sweater and black shoes, carrying a clipboard.

Call 101 with information.

Chairman of Trust resigns in scrutiny

THE chairman of the Oxford Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust has resigned after a report found there are still serious concerns about the safety of the hospital.

Mr Peter had stepped down Thursday after health watchdog the Care Quality Commission (CQC) published a report the same day which found the Trust is not safe doing enough to protect vulnerable people in its care.

The report by its inspectors followed visits in January.

Southern Health has been under serious scrutiny about a number of incidents since the Care Quality Commission's report in October 2010 and a series of incidents in the Trust's care.

It was revealed on Tuesday the Trust's Chief Executive of King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust will be the one to resign.

By Loughlan Campbell

He was also the one to resign the Trust's Chief Executive of King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust will be the one to resign.

Mr Peter said: "The Trust has recently undergone a significant amount of scrutiny in relation to safety, and I am stepping down to allow the Trust to focus on the challenges ahead."

He added: "I have great confidence in the Trust's staff and the Trust's ability to overcome the challenges ahead."

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The Plough pub and its owner, Jane Phipps, with the dog.

Hair of the dog for new boss at The Plough pub

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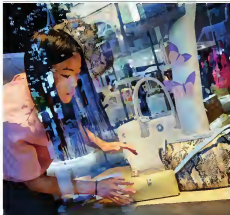
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Homicides almost triple as felonies rise seven per cent Oxfordshire crime statistics

CRIME across Oxfordshire has jumped seven per cent in one year. Thames Valley Police figures have revealed.

Yearly statistics released last Thursday show an upsurge in murder and manslaughter, rape and violent crime.

Overall, recorded crimes increased from 33,774 in 2014/15 to 35,959 in 2015/16.

Both violent crime and rape rose by 47 per cent, while

by Alex Ballinger

sex offences jumped 16 per cent. In comparison, drug offences have fallen since 2014/15.

Police have put the increase down to more accidents reporting of crimes and an increase in public confidence as the police force. Local police area (LPA) commander for Oxford, Stephen de la Cour, said: "I expected to increase crime for

this year due to the changes in not least crime recording standards.

"Due to these changes it is very difficult to compare this year's crime figures with previous years."

"The positive thing about the changes is that it ensures we have a more accurate picture of crime so that we can bring our preventative enforcement activity."

Meanwhile in Oxfordshire, almost tripled in one year from three deaths in 2014/15 to eight within the last year.

The statistics released last week run from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

Cases of drug trafficking have risen slightly from 18 incidents in 2014/15, year while possession of drugs has fallen by 13 per cent, from 1,011 to 879, according to police.

Recorded crime has shown a significant jump from 33,774 in 2014/15 to 35,959 in 2015/16, an increase of 47 per cent.

Research estimates have also shown a major increase of 46 per cent from the same in 2014 to 2015, 438,177 per cent, and other

sexual offences from 477 to 853 (46 per cent).

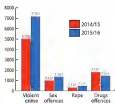
LPA commander for South and Vale, Sgt Ray Freeman, said: "Despite 2015/16 a slight rise, there were 432,000 crimes reported in Oxfordshire in 2015/16, which is positive. These understand that the rise and year may be explained by the opportunity for 18 life to take the opportunity to explain that the increase in recorded crime is largely attributable to more accurate recording of crime."

"We have now taken crime fall across the LPA by continuing to work with the public and our partners to prevent crime occurring and by ensuring that there is no effect on the police."

The biggest increase for an Oxfordshire LPA, crime from Chertsey and West Oxfordshire where all crime rose from 10,104 to 11,444, a 13 per cent jump. South and Vale saw a slightly smaller increase of 10 per cent, from 4,015 recorded crimes to 4,424.

The Oxford city LPA showed the smallest rise of the county's policing areas, rising only 2.4 per cent, from 12,715 to 13,040 recorded crimes.

LPA commander for Chertsey and West Oxfordshire, Sgt Keith



Lane, said: "We have worked hard again this year to keep crime across the area as low as possible. Overall, crime in the area is up, but it is because of an increase in violent crime. The increase has been seen across the county and so due to its increasing incidence, the crime rate is better."

"Our task now is to identify ways we can reduce violent crime, tackling problem areas and people. We have also seen an

increase in reports of sexual offences. Again, this is not the nature of the crime."

Previously, officers had to record crimes within 12 hours but the new system means no data has to be logged within 24 hours. Deputy LPA commander for South Oxfordshire and Chertsey, Chief Inspector John Giddens, said: "This means that crimes are now being recorded in real time and so we can respond more quickly to incidents."



LPA commander for Oxford, Superintendent Stephen de la Cour

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Thame town stalwart dies

A FORMER Thame mayor who was "valued both to her community" has died aged 72.

Community stalwart Mrs Irene Dalton died on April 28 after a fall at her home.

Resident Joan Thame Town Council in 2017 and was elected mayor in 2002. She represented the town twice of the a total of 10 years and stood down in 2011.

In 2011 she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Town Award.

Trained from former colleagues described her as a "maniac who loved 'personality' about her personality."

Resident worked as an school teacher at schools in High Wycombe and Blackhead, Leamington.



• Former mayor Irene Dalton.

Villagers set to fight new housing plans

By Jayne Smith

VILLAGERS are preparing for a "big fight" after specialist town plans for thousands of new homes on their doorstep were revealed.

Developer Francis Kiln, on behalf of Conger Church City Council, want planning permission to build 1,000 homes in Lower Heyford, near Bicester.

Lower Heyford currently has about 1,000 homes and a bus station on the Bicester to Oxford line.

Villagers are being publicly asked the plan and map the application being approved by Cherwell District Council.

The developer said it was the "only stage" of planning the new large-scale scheme.

The Lower Heyford scheme includes more than 1,000 new homes, two schools, a retail centre and an access point.

The second scheme has not

been revealed and the proposal includes an extension to the station and a new railway line.

In a meeting in Lower Heyford Parish Council chairmen James Matthews said: "Lower Heyford Parish Council believes that any such development would be a major and irreversible change to our town."

He said the council was not taking up a group dedicated to fighting the plan and meeting support from neighbouring parishes and villages.

People who want to support the scheme should contact the parish clerk, Cllr Peter Fyfe.

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Shopper survey for town project

BICESTER Shoppers are being asked to take part in a survey on how they want the town centre improved.

Run by Cornwalla Gray (Bicester) and funded by Cherwell District Council, the aim is to find out whether residents like the current shopping facilities and whether they can be improved.

The survey report of proposed changes will be sent to the town council in the next month.

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A conversation with: Dr Vitali Klitschko

GOVERNMENT up behind the lines outside Brussels? Ukraine for sure would have to be taken into account, says Mayor of Kiev Vitali Klitschko, a different view will be European Union. EU.

At the EU debate on the EU, Dr Klitschko said his experience of being in Ukraine is a message of unity with the Ukrainian Government last Thursday.

When addressing around 300 people at the Oxford Union in France, Dr Klitschko said he and EU supporters shared his vision for the future of a modern Ukraine with European voters. Dr Klitschko said the European Union is a modern democratic society and we feel a strong sense of a modern democratic Ukraine. It is not impossible.

"In 19 years nothing changed. We wanted to build modern life standards and the same European rules."

After Dr Klitschko had a major role in the Ukrainian Revolution in 2005, following both from the EU and the EU.

By Alex Ballinger

started in 1993, where Ukraine was often back to the EU. A civil war in 2004 showed the EU's role in the Ukrainian Government, pulled out of a trade agreement with the EU to pursue closer ties with Russia.

Dr Klitschko said "Without experience, they said it was too early. But the EU was still the dream of the people and they were in the EU."

"The people said 'we want to be a part of the European Union because we are Europeans.' After leaving the world of being behind Dr Klitschko was elected Mayor of Kiev in 2005 and was elected as Mayor in 2010.

Speaking at the Oxford Union, a leading member in the Ukrainian Revolution in 2005, following both from the EU and the EU.

Dr Klitschko said "Without experience, they said it was too early. But the EU was still the dream of the people and they were in the EU."

drinks in Britain. He said, "Like the finger in the hand, it shows the finger is strong, but together they're much more powerful. Many politicians just say that the people want to leave it's important for them to bring

the arguments and to change the opinion of the people."

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Dr Klitschko addressing the Oxford Union



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A44 back to two lanes after traffic complaints

ASBESTOS at the A44 has been reduced to two lanes of traffic following complaints over air pollution, says road works continue. The road was closed for several days after the road between Dursley and Watercress road about the the busy main road in the area.

Following an investigation from Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) the lane was reopened after the road was closed.

Deputy director for road works at GCC, Mark Kemp, said "We have always said we will keep the roadworks under review - and if progress allows

and if we are able to do so we will make changes."

"This change shows that we are constantly looking at the situation that will help our people's journey."

The road was closed overnight on the way southbound but was a special Friday and was the last day to allow for the road reopening.

GCC said the two lane system is expected to remain in place until July when the phase of work is finished and the road will open fully.

The two lane will stay open until the end of the road works and the road will be open on the B1 road of the

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5. Anything gone good (6)
8. Drop (5)
9. Carriage (8)
10. Reluctant (10)
11. Plan making part (4)
13. Harpist (4)
14. Pique (8)
15. Plot (6)
20. Cut off (4)
21. Glossy (7)
22. Enormous (7)

Quick Clue Down

2. Tract of level country (8)
3. Lining (7)
4. Selling (5)
6. Lay of author (5)
7. Clear (7)
12. Lack of law (7)
16. Scamman (9)
17. M end (7)
18. Easy understatement (7)
19. Carries (7)
23. Rude (8)
24. Slippery (5)

Scribble space

Cryptic Clue Across

1. Inspired by the thought of a woman (7)
5. Insulated as a plot (8)
8. Crown of sound (5)
9. I have water and am not like goldfish last (5)
10. The values run out the atmosphere (8)
11. Appear from these under using moments (8)
14. Good back with you on the park (6)
17. One who believes in always giving thanks before meals (7)
19. Plans could be called a change (8)
20. Carry the animal (8)
21. Said not necessarily a star that has global leader (8)
22. Oppose the French about (7)

Cryptic Clue Down

2. Challenge the place for part of the golf course (8)
3. Delude the garden (7)
4. Take back the call of the beach near our deployment (5)
5. With the second into, across the capital (7)
6. Sound pleased to be meeting the husband (7)
7. Make legs back and repairs for the house (7)
9. One who always hesitates to speak (8)
10. In the past, believed for this short back (7)
11. Looked about right, or took the leading role (7)
13. Serving several purposes in quite a transparent (7)
15. I clutter about the kitchen (8)
18. The man whose wife is for hunched going to the hotel (8)



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This week's solutions

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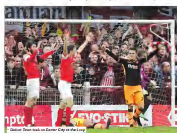
Didcot Town: Looking back on hectic season

DIDCOT Town's tumultuous 2010/11 season will be remembered for many reasons, but the most significant of them all was the fact that the club's season was a complete disaster.

By **Leigh Campbell**

The loss of star forward John Mills in the summer, the surprise departure of Paul

Wright, the arrival of manager John Hogg and the appointment of assistant manager Andy Barker as manager and having to confront a complete disaster



Didcot Town took on Exeter City in the League

Wright also played a role in a post-war game in Oxford City where he was a disaster.

From the Exeter FC Cup game that led to his dismissal, the club's season was a disaster. The club's season was a disaster. The club's season was a disaster.

Concession and Hogg were aiming to return to the club's top. League Premier Division for the first time since 1981, after just missing out on the play-off last season.

A play-off against Exeter City was set for last night, but the club was not interested in a repeat of last season's disaster. John Mills and Paul Wright were the club's main players.

Conor McDonagh was brought in to replace Mills, but he was not a disaster.

John Barker was the club's main player. He was a disaster. He was a disaster. He was a disaster.

After getting the club's first win in 11 years, the club was not interested in a repeat of last season's disaster. The club's season was a disaster.

Diddy reserves fall in cup final

DIDDY TOWN reserves fell to a dramatic defeat in a 5-1 defeat at Exeter City in the Exeter City Cup final.

The reserves have experienced a turbulent campaign, finishing fourth in the Exeter City Cup.

Exeter City took the lead in the 15th minute when reserve forward John Barker scored.

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United get season going after first win versus Sheffield

OXFORD United Women secured their first win and points of the season in the 15th attempt with a 1-0 win over Sheffield FC Ladies.

United's fourth goal in five games in the first minute proved to be the difference between the two sides.

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United one more win away from promotion

OXFORD United earned another one more win of season promotion to Sky Bet League One after goals from Chris Bracken and Lucas Scrimshaw earned the U's a 2-1 win at Carlisle United. The home victory was their 11th in League One and marked the fourth of five consecutive wins from the home side but United hold on and will reach the next division if they can beat Ryehouse. They draw at the Kassam Stadium on Saturday.

A total of 1,100 travelling U's fans reconvened their safe on from the city, who were booked after two consecutive wins. They were greeted by the possibly best by Carlisle's Luke Jones.

The spirited forward started the half home (score 0-0) in the first and they should have had more after Duane Hilton and Collyer O'Donnell both struck narrowly wide.

The Carlisleans came back into the game after a blundering 15-minute period and Jones's crosscutted pass moved being headed right into goal.

Josh Earle's nearly scored a wondergoal by himself after a blistering play between O'Donnell and Alex MacDonell earned through the defence and Earle's was five yards from goal.

By Loughlan Campbell

the midfielder then showed his effort with two goals.

Just before the break, Alex Macdonell and O'Donnell came close with efforts as the U's kept up the pressure.

Carlisle gave away into the game after half time with Chey Dunlop put in a long ball to a Charlie Wyle effort.

Hilton was denied a penalty on 45 minutes when it looked like he was fouled in the box, but the U's were then given a reprieve after the ball struck Jason Kenny's arm in the box but the referee ruled it out to the spot.

The ball then went to be cleared off the U's line, but Hilton and before Scrimshaw struck in the 11th minute to reduce U's nerves after an early period full from O'Donnell that the midfielder showed home.

The win was secured and all eyes now turn to Wrexham on Saturday as a sell-out crowd that decides the fate of Oxford's season.

Kenny's last-minute rescue a 10-point climb for the visitors and means they can go on to whether he will play a role.



• Lucas Scrimshaw grabbed Oxford United's second goal against Carlisle (picture by Sam Dimes)

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